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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 23 September 1994 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/49/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/49/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/49/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee, which will be issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/49/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. In recent years, the Second Committee decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 10 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, there will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. As a result, as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents (see para. 3 above) contains further information on this procedure.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 9 December for the conclusion of its work.

ANNEX

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 26-30 September			
Thursday, 29 September	a.m.	Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur	
		Organization of work	
Week of 3-7 October			
Thursday, 6 October	a.m.	General debate	
Friday, 7 October	a.m.	General debate (continued)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers in the general debate	
Week of 10-14 October			
Tuesday, 11 October	p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 12 October	a.m.	General debate (continued)	
	p.m.	General debate (concluded)	

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Thursday, 13 October	a.m.	Item 90	Operational activities for development	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
		1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 90	
Friday, 14 October	p.m.	Item 90	Operational activities for development	
			General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 17-21 October				
Monday, 17 October a/				
Tuesday, 18 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 87	Macroeconomic policy questions:	
			(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;	

a/ World Food Day.

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;	
		(c) External debt crisis and development;	
		(d) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries.	
		Introductory statements and general discussion	
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 87	
Wednesday, 19 October	a.m.	Item 87 Macroeconomic policy questions: (a), (b), (c) and (d)	
		General discussion (concluded)	1 p.m. - Item 90
	p.m.	Item 89 Environment and sustainable development:	
		(a) Implementations of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;	
		(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;	
		(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;	

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			(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;	
			(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
Thursday, 20 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 21 October	-			
Week of 24-28 October				
Monday, 24 October	a.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	1 p.m. - Item 87
			General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 25 October	a.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	
		1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 89	
Wednesday, 26 October	p.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Thursday, 27 October	-	b/	
Friday, 28 October	p.m.	Item 89 Environment and sustainable development General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 31 October to 4 November			
Monday, 31 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council Introductory statements and general discussion	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 12	
Tuesday, 1 November	a.m. and p.m.	c/	
Wednesday, 2 November	a.m.	c/	
	p.m.	Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council General discussion (concluded)	6 p.m. - Item 89
Thursday, 3 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	
Friday, 4 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	

b/ Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

c/ United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and United Nations/FAO Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

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Week of 7-11 November			
Monday, 7 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Item 12
	p.m.	Item 91 Training and research	
		(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;	
		(b) United Nations University.	
Tuesday, 8 November	a.m.	Item 88 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
		(a) Trade and development;	
		(b) Food and agricultural development;	
		(c) Commodities;	
		(d) Cultural development;	
		(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;	
		(f) Industrial development cooperation;	
		(g) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);	
		(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;	

Date	Meeting		Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
			(i) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation.	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
Wednesday, 9 November	-			
Thursday, 10 November	p.m.	Item 88	Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	6 p.m. - Item 91
			General discussion (continued)	
		6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 88	
Friday, 11 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Week of 14-18 November				
Monday, 14 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 15 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 16 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 17 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 18 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (concluded)	

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Week of 21-25 November			
Monday, 21 November	-		
Tuesday, 22 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 23 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Thursday, 24 November	Holiday		
Friday, 25 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Items 88 and 158 (Report of the International Conference on Population and Development) d/
Week of 28 November-2 December			
Monday, 28 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 29 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 30 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Thursday, 1 December	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Friday, 2 December	-		

d/ At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly decided that the debate on item 158 should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on the item would be taken in the Second Committee.

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 5-9 December			
Monday, 5 December	a.m. and p.m.		
Tuesday, 6 December	p.m.	Formal meetings will be scheduled during the week as and when required	
Wednesday, 7 December	a.m.		
Thursday, 8 December	a.m. and p.m.		
Friday, 9 December	a.m. and p.m.	Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	